

Dear
Broken Arrow
Residents:

It is my pleasure to be able to greet you in this, the first monthly newsletter from the City of Broken Arrow to its citizens. It is our goal to keep you better informed about events coming up in our city, as well as any changes coming out of City Hall that affect you. We're going to do our best to make this brief newsletter interesting, informative, and hopefully a bit entertaining.



Broken Arrow is a great place to live, work, and raise a family. We have wonderful schools, churches, and recreational facilities. We have a solid base of manufacturing jobs, a growing number of good places to eat and shop, and we are rated as the "Safest City in Oklahoma."

Your City Council, City Administration, and nearly 600 City Employees pledge to you to work to make Broken Arrow an even better place in years to come! With your help and input, we can work together to get better public streets, parks, and other facilities, attract more quality retail shopping and restaurants, and make the quality of life in Broken Arrow even better.

Exciting things are happening in Broken Arrow! In future issues, we will let you know about street construction, trash pickup day changes, festivals, and new development coming into the city. Call the City Action Center at 258-3587 if you have concerns or suggestions, or call any City Council member. Our phone numbers are available elsewhere in this newsletter, or may be found on the City Web Page at www.brokenarrowok.gov.

Best wishes,
Richard Carter
Mayor, City of Broken
Arrow

Homeowners Workshop Set for Feb. 19

Once again this year the City of Broken Arrow will be holding a half-day workshop for members of Homeowners Associations in the community in an effort to answer as many of their questions as possible.

The program will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Central on Main (the old Central Middle School).

Representatives from the City's police and fire departments will be on hand, as well as Planning, Engineering, Inspections and special representatives on accounting.

The format will be centered around five concurrent workshop areas, with each group having a 25-minute discussion period. Those attending can rotate through the five workshops throughout the morning.

One will be on inspections, permits, and code enforcement; another on zoning and development; a third on public safety; the fourth on Home Owners Association Operations and private legal issues; and the fifth on HOA business issues, such as insurance and accounting.

The information is intended to be general in nature and not applied to specific situations.

Downtown Renovation Plan in the Works

With the help of funding from Vision 2025, plans are being made to reshape the face of Broken Arrow's downtown area -- and citizens of the community are playing a key part in that planning.

Funds from Vision 2025 were used to start the process of revitalizing the downtown area as the City Council hired a consulting firm from Colorado to work with a committee of citizens in addressing the key issues for the future -- and how to accomplish their goals.

Initial recommendations called for "anchors" at both the south and north ends of the downtown area. The Performing Arts Center approved by Broken Arrow Public School voters will anchor the south end and the old Central Middle School would anchor the north end -- with future plans for a new City Hall in that same area.

Originally, the north anchor was also seen as a possible site for a new library in Broken Arrow. But the defeat of the Dec. 14 library bond issue has left that up in the air.



Oklahoma's Safest City

Broken Arrow has been rated the "safest city" in Oklahoma, according to a report from the Morgan Quitno Press in Lawrence, Ks. The research and publishing company has been releasing those reports the past 11 years, using FBI Uniform Crime Reports and a formula to create the ratings. Broken Arrow was No. 46 nationally, with Norman (86) the only other state city in the Top 100. Tulsa was No. 304 of the 354 cities (population 75,000 or more) listed.